

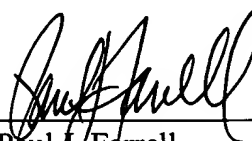
REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner withdrew his prior §103(a) rejection based on our argument regarding the cited references of Slipy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,152) in view of Curtis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,847,806). It is also gratefully acknowledged that Claims 6 and 7 still contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to include the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the newly cited reference of *Lee* (Korean Patent Publication 2001/82904). The Examiner rejected Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lee* in view of the newly cited reference of Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,980,840).

It is noted that *Lee* was published on August 31, 2001. However, the present application claims priority to Korean Application No. 2001/40622, which was filed on July 7, 2001, obviously predating the publication date of *Lee*. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that *Lee* is not prior art with respect to the present application. In order to properly support this position, submission of a certified English translation of Korean Patent Application 2001/40622 is provided herewith. Withdrawal of the rejections based on *Lee* is respectfully requested.

In view of the preceding remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely, Claims 1-7, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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